Anti-Castro Terrorist Ends First Year of Term

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MIAMI (AP) — Dr. Orlando Bosch, the baby doctor who became an anti-Castro terrorist, today completed the first year of a 10-year prison term for alleged "Cuban Power" activity as widespread efforts went forward to seek his release.

The 42-year-old Cuban exile, arrested here Oct. 11, 1968, for cannonading a Communist freighter, was reported observing the anniversary in the Atlanta federal prison by mowing grass, the task to which he is assigned.

Bosch's replacement as head of the Revolutionary Recovery Insurrectional Movement (MIRR), an anti-Castro group, died of a heart attack last week. Marcelino Garcia was stricken in New York city while working on a plan to get to President Nixon a petition with 113,000 signatures asking amnesty for Bosch.

APPEALS FOR Bosch and eight other Cubans convicted with him but free on bond are being pushed by attorney Melvyn Greenspahn. The attorney said he will take to the U.S. Supreme Court a request to permit Bosch appeal bond, denied by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

A ruling on the convictions themselves is being awaited from the appeals court. Greenspahn contended, among other things that illegal eavesdropping evidence was admitted at the trial.

Mrs. Bosch and one of their five school-age children go to Atlanta once monthly to visit the prisoner.

MRS. BOSCH, who also was a physician in Cuba, supports the family by working as epidemiologist at the Dade Country Pubic Health Service.

Orlando is in fairly good health, but why have him cut grass when he is a qualified physician?" she asked. "At first they had him working in the prison laundry."

Bosch was sentenced for shelling and damaging the freighter Polanica while it was anchored in Miami Harbor. He was given concurrent sentences of five years for conspiring to place explosives on ships of foreign registry, and three years for sending cables to the heads of government in Spain, Britain and Mexico threatening to attack ships of those nations. The other defendants were convicted of plotting to attack foreign ships.